



Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association

“Representing Those Who Volunteer”

OVFA Board Meeting Minutes

Hayden Island Station #17
May 15, 2015 ~ 1700 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

President Parks called the meeting to order at 1709 hours.

ROLL CALL:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rex Parks, President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Thomas, Director* |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kirt Hickey, 1 st Vice President | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mark Barker, Director |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stella Hickey, Secretary/Treasurer | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Musil, Ambassador |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Servatius, 2 nd Vice President* | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vickie Musil, Ambassador |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> David Sellers, Immediate Past President | <i>* Via Conference Phone</i> |

GUESTS:

Steve Cohen, Lighthouse

STAFF:

- Jessica Carpenter
- Christina Korkow

GUEST REPORT:

Steve Cohen provided an update on the bereavement uniform program, they would like to partner with OVFA and local Fire Departments to promote the program.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

- None

MINUTES

Motion: Moved by 1st VP Kirt Hickey and seconded by Director Mark Barker to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2015, meeting as presented. **Motion passed.**

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Staff summarized the financial reports provided in the meeting packet.

Motion: Moved by Past President David Sellers and seconded by 1st VP Kirt Hickey to approve the financial report as presented. **Motion passed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a) **Ambassador Program** – 1st VP Kirt Hickey and Treasurer/Secretary Stella Hickey reported that the association should expect to see some new Ambassador Applications. Staff reported they have not received anything yet.
- b) **Budget** – The Budget Committee is inactive until the next budget cycle starts.
- c) **Bylaws** – No report at this time.
- d) **Conference** – The Board reviewed several updates to the 2015 conference and program:
 - Board discussed extending invitation to other Fire Service Associations for the NVFC Class to increase size. All agreed, staff will create a flyer and promote with OFDDA and OFSOA.
 - Staff asked if any action is needed for water and Gatorade at conference. Treasurer/Secretary Stella Hickey confirmed that we do not need to get any; the caterer will be providing it all.
 - 1st VP Kirt Hickey reported that he has all logistics under control for the golf tournament. Staff will include flyer in e-blasts and promote on Facebook.
 - Staff reported that registration is currently at 50 attendees, quite short of the hopeful 150.
 - Staff reported that the Juvenile Firesetters class currently has zero registrations and Swift Water Rescue only has two. Discussion about what cut off should be made for cancelling these classes. Board discussed and is hopeful that more will sign up and would like to wait until closer to conference.
 - Staff asked if the Board would like them to be present by Wednesday morning to handle registration for the Rope Rescue class or if they would like to handle it and save the two nights of lodging for staff on Tuesday night. Board agreed that with President Parks, Past President David Sellers, Treasurer/Secretary Stella Hickey and 1st VP Kirt Hickey all in the area by Tuesday that they could handle this. David Sellers will collect needed items from staff before leaving for Pendleton.
 - OVFA Board discussed inviting OFCA Board to eat with the conference attendees; OFCA has continued to include OVFA and the board agreed they would not charge for any lunches and have them be our guests.
 - Memorial service was discussed; the OVFA Board will handle arrangements for this event including items for a Memorial Table at the Banquet.
 - President Parks will pick up the Firefighter of the Year Trophy, have it engraved and bring it to Pendleton.
 - Board discussed the deadline for award nominations, felt it might be too early due to many banquets taking place this month, by consensus they chose to extend the deadline to allow more applications.
- e) **Grants and Scholarships** – Treasurer/Secretary Stella Hickey provided an update status on grants for the conference.
- f) **EMT Advisory Committee and OFCA EMS Section** – No report at this time.

- g) **Governor's Fire Policy Council** – Past President David Sellers reported that the council met recently. Injury Taskforce—contracted to research analysis program.

Law Enforcement Taskforce – going forward to identify some issues with public safety entities. Past President David Sellers' first three year term was finished in January. He is willing to serve another three-year term and has received approval from President Parks to go through the process to be re-approved for the council.

- h) **Fire Policy Committee** – 1st VP Kirt Hickey reported that there is a vacancy on the board and the board is asking OVFA for a recommendation (preferably from central or eastern Oregon). There will be certification questions at the next meeting of the Committee.

- i) **NVFC** – No report at this time.

- j) **Legislative** –

- Staff shared about hearing for 2818, hoping to see the Tax Check Off bill makes it through this year.
- Board discussed that they would like to see about amending the EMT/EMR bill to remove the 30 mile requirement.

- k) **Surplus Program** – Five boxes of turnouts will be going with Rex to drop off in Stayton.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Challenge Coins – Coins have been ordered, awaiting delivery.
- Chaplain Selection – The Committee has not yet acted.
- Trailer Banners – OVFA would like to look at replacing the banners, designs need to be worked on and determine how to cover expense, possibly sponsors/cost sharing opportunity and when to order them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- NVFC Class – discussed under conference, will open up with invitation to other Fire Service Personnel at no cost.
- Firefighter of the Year & Lifetime Achievement Nominations – deadline extended, no action taken on current applications.
- Brookings Fire – Staff reported that some research had been conducted on the open invoice from Brookings Fire for conference last year and discovered that a check had been received and mistakenly coded as a donation to the Oregon Burn Center. Board discussed and agreed by consensus to void the open invoice and leave the donation as it is. Staff assured the board that a more careful look will be given to any checks handed to them at conference to avoid this in the future. Learn and move on.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 1958 hours.

Transcribed by:

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